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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 January 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 4-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 4-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 4-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bi et al (US 5835848) and further in view of Pravitz et al (WO 9733381).

3. Regarding claim 4 Bi et al teaches a apparatus for determining the stability margin, with respect to a possible self-oscillation, in a radio frequency repeater operating with a predetermined delay between an input and an output and having a feedback path between said output and said input, comprising (figs. (1-4)

at least one sensing element connected to at least one of said input and said output of the repeater (col. 1, lines 32-42, col. 3, lines 1-62), and

at least one measurement receiver connected to said at least one sensing element for measuring at least an output signal from said repeater, on the basis of which the stability margin is calculated (col. 1, lines 32-42, col. 3, lines 1-62). Bi et al does not specifically teach wherein an increasing magnitude corresponds to a decreasing stability margin.

In an analogous art, Pravitz et al teaches wherein an increasing magnitude corresponds to a decreasing stability margin (col. 5, lines 13-37). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made

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to modify the device of Bi et al by specifically adding increasing magnitude corresponds to a decreasing stability margin in order maintains operability of repeater as taught by Pravitz et al.

Regarding claim 5 Bi et al teaches wherein said at least one sensing element comprises at least one directional coupler (col. 1, lines 32-42, col. 3, lines 1-62, see claim 4).

Regarding claim 6 Bi et al teaches wherein two directional couplers are connected to a single measurement receiver via a switch for alternating measurement of the signals at the output and the input, respectively (col. 1, lines 32-42, col. 3, lines 1-62, see claim 4).

Regarding claim 7 Bi et al teaches wherein: said measurement receiver is connected to a control unit for controlling the gain of said repeater (col. 1, lines 32-42, col. 3, lines 1-62).

Regarding claim 8 Bi et al teaches wherein: said measurement receiver is connectable, via a modem, to a central operational monitoring unit, whereby the measurements and calculations for determining said stability margin can be made by remote control (col. 1, lines 32-42, col. 3, lines 1-62).

Regarding claim 9 Bi et al teaches wherein: a band pass filter is inserted between said sensing element and said measurement receiver (col. 1, lines 32-42, col. 3, lines 1-62).

Regarding claim 10 Bi et al teaches a repeater system, including a radio frequency repeater of the kind having two antennas and the two links there between,

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said two links comprising an uplink for amplifying signals from a mobile telephone to a base station and a downlink for amplifying signals from said base station to said mobile telephone, said repeater (col. 1, lines 32-42, col. 3, lines 1-62, see claim 4).

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 4-10 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khawar Iqbal whose telephone number is 571-272-7909.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, George Eng can be reached on (571) 272-7495. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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